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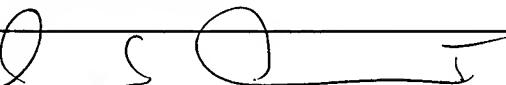
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RESPONSE TO SECOND RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated September 9, 2004, Applicant hereby elects without traverse Group IIB, including claims 13-27, for examination at this time. In view of the above election, Applicant hereby cancels claims 1-12 without prejudice to the filing of any divisional, continuation, or continuation-in-part application.

Prior to substantive examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.